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Report Highlights:

Weather conditions in Ukraine have not been favorable for the winter crops that were planted on an area of over eight million hectares this fall. State officials estimate about 20 percent of the winter plantings may not survive the winter season.

General Information:

According to recent reports by Ukraine's Hydrometcenter, weather conditions for winter crops in Ukraine were not favorable. Below average top soil moisture and colder than normal temperatures resulted in uneven seed sprouting and winter crop development. Plants that did not have sufficient resources to form strong sprouts and then a good root system will be going into the winter underdeveloped and may not survive until spring.

The Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine (MinAg) estimates about 20 percent or 1.8 million hectares (mln ha) of winter plantings to be in weak condition as of November 10, 2011. The observed plant sprouting and development was reported on about 71 percent of the total area planted.

According to official statistics, by November 11, 2011 Ukrainian farmers completed 99 percent of winter planting, and had about 8.05 mln ha under winter crops. Winter crop area distribution as of November 11, 2011 was as follows:

Winter Wheat	6.50 mln ha
Winter Barley	1.22 mln ha
Winter Rapeseed	1.00 mln ha
Rye	0.33 mln ha